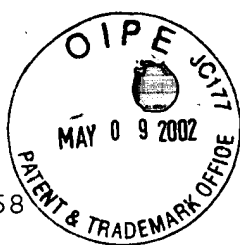


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, lines 22-29 as  
shown below. A mark-up version showing the changes made thereto  
is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

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"The sample tab as described herein may be used within  
a spectrophotometer using standard methods as known in the art,  
for example as disclosed in US 5,846,492, US 6,268,910, WO  
98/39634 (all of which are incorporated herein by reference).  
These references disclose the spectrophotometric analysis of a